



# Clay County Board Minutes



## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, September 15, 2015 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met September 15, 2015, as per public notice given in the Clay County News on September 9, 2015. A copy of the proof of publication is on file in the County Clerk's Office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. Chairman Nuss presided with roll call showing the following present: Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Nuss. Minutes of the meeting held August 25, 2015 were mailed to the board members. All of the proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chairman, Todd Nuss stated that the open meeting law poster is posted on the west wall in the back of the room.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Fintel to approve the minutes of the meeting held August 25, 2015 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel and Nuss. Motion carried.

Bill Boyer, Murphy Tractor, was present for the Public Input time. He told the board that he could put together some specs and give them to Tom to present to the board at the next meeting concerning state bid pricing.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported that he had received a quote for Armor Coating for \$25,200 per mile with the same material used on Highway 41 East of Clay Center. How to split up the county for this project was also discussed. Two projects will be done next year; one in this budget year and one out of the next. Tom discussed getting a motor grader and building a shed in the Trumbull area. A location for the building needs to be acquired before bidding a building.

Because the Highway Supt.'s allotted time was up, Road discussion will be taken up again later.

Ted Griess, County Attorney discussed tax sales, presented the inventory for his office and discussed the engagement letter received from Dana F. Cole & Co. for budget preparation services.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Shaw to authorize the chairman to sign the engagement letter received from Dana F. Cole & Co. outlining the terms, objectives, nature and limitations of services to be provided as related to the County's budget document. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson and Nuss. Motion carried.

Discussion resumed with the Highway Supt. Tom has talked to the Marshall Township Board about the cattle crossing on Road O on the south end of Massie Lagoon. The Township Board is not in favor of the cattle crossing and Tom does not recommend allowing the crossing due to liability to the county. He has contacted the Fish and Wildlife Service notifying them of the decision.



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An easement request from Windstream was presented. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to approve the request from Windstream Nebraska, Inc. to construct telecommunications facilities occupying the Right-of-Way of Roads Z and 320 along the line between Sec. 25-8-5 Clay County and Sec. 30-8-4 Fillmore County; work order #15022660650930. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson and Nuss. Motion carried.

Tom discussed bridge and culvert work. Tom has received the quotes for the bridge that was washed out in the flood. It will be about \$100,000.00 cheaper to install a box culvert than it would be to replace it. Advertising for two box culvert projects in order to get a better price was discussed.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Anderson to advertise for bids for Box Culvert project C-18 (199); bids to be opened October 13, 2015 at 9:15 A.M. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt and Nuss. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Schmidt to advertise for bids for Box Culvert project C-18 (279); bids to be opened October 13, 2015 at 9:30 A.M. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson and Nuss. Motion carried.

Because the bridge that was damaged in the spring floods was not on the One Year Road Plan, that plan needs to be amended.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Shaw to adopt Resolution #15-12 adding Box Culvert Project C-18 (279) to replace a structure that was damaged by flooding to the 2015 One Year Road Plan. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Nuss. Motion carried. (Copy of Resolution on file in the Clerk's office)

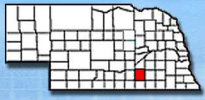
The Road Dept. inventory was presented. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Samuelson to approve the Road Dept. inventory and place on file in the County Clerk's office. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel and Nuss. Motion carried.

The options and implementation for a time keeping system were discussed. Tom will get quotes from Windstream to install wiring for internet (for time clocks) into the shop buildings by November.

Loren Uden, Emergency Management Coordinator presented information on Enviro, Thermo Bond and Tower Direct buildings. Pros and cons of each were discussed. The height and capacity of the existing tower was discussed. Loren will put out specs and ask for bids.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Samuelson to open the budget hearing at 10:30 A.M. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson and Nuss. Motion carried.

The public hearing on the proposed County Budget for fiscal year 2015-2016 was held with Gene Ulmer, CPA with Dana F. Cole & Company, LLP, the county budget preparer



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present. The notice was published in the Clay County News. No other persons attended the hearing. No written or oral comments or objections were received from the public.

Gene went over the changes that were made to the budget document since the last meeting and answered questions from the board. The levy will be set at 0.2140 compared to 0.2225 last year. This is the sixth year of levy decreases.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to close the public hearing on the proposed County Budget for fiscal year 2015-2016 at 10:44 A.M. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson and Nuss. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Anderson to adopt the Resolution to accept the proposed County Budget for fiscal year 2015-2016 as presented. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt and Nuss. Motion carried.  
(Copy of Resolution on file in the Clerk's office)

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Fintel to open the Special Hearing to set the Final Tax request at 10:45 A.M. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Gene Ulmer explained the purpose of the hearing and answered questions. No other persons appeared. No written or oral comments or objections were received from the public.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Fintel to close the Special Hearing to set the Final Tax request at 10:50 A.M. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Nuss. Motion carried.

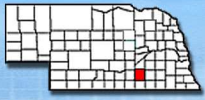
Motion by Shaw and seconded by Anderson to set the final 2015-2016 proposed tax request at \$4,798,098.00. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel and Nuss. Motion carried.

The budget was prepared using a 3% increase in wages for employees.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Schmidt to give all employees (except elected officials) a 3% raise effective November 20, 2015. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson and Nuss. Motion carried.

The fee reports were circulated for review. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Johnson to accept the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of August 2015: County Clerk, \$4,464.25, County Court \$14,273.71, Clerk of District Court, \$9,132.49, Sheriff fees for July 2015 for \$2,160.01, County Treasurer receipts #15080001 through #15080041 in the amount of \$186,850.11. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson and Nuss. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Schmidt to approve the County Attorney's inventory and place on file in the County Clerk's office. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt and Nuss. Motion carried.



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Barb Barnett submitted requests for a re-appointments and appointment of a new alternate member to the Clay County Zoning Board of Adjustments.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Fintel to re-appoint Lori Samuelson and DudLee Brennfoerder to the Clay County Zoning Board of Adjustments for a three year term that will begin September 1, 2015 and expire on August 31, 2018. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson and Nuss. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Shaw to appoint Sharon Griess as alternate to the Clay County Zoning Board of Adjustments for a three year term that will begin September 1, 2015 and expire on August 31, 2018. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Nuss. Motion carried.

Chairman Nuss reported on his conversation with Dave Meyer about a health plan. Risk factors, self-funding and wellness programs are all factors. Nuss doesn't think this product would work for Clay County at this time but said this type of plan will probably become more prevalent in the future.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Fintel to adjourn this meeting at 11:08 A.M.; next meeting scheduled for September 22, 2015. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel and Nuss. Motion carried.

Deborah Karnatz, County Clerk

Todd Nuss, Chairman